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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we watched TV, reporting that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appeared on three of the Sunday talk shows to defend President Donald Trump's decision to exit the United Nations Paris Agreement on climate change, but many of his statements are being questioned or criticized.

Our daily news roundup also looked at the takeaways from Pruitt's publicity blast, while offering several don't-miss stories from the weekend.

Speaking of Paris, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson underscored the administration's politically awkward position on climate change, urging observers to keep the Paris deal rejection "in perspective" because "I don't think we're going to change our ongoing efforts to reduce [GHG] emissions in the future."

And in court, the Department of Justice is refusing to answer discovery-related questions from attorneys for youth plaintiffs pursuing a constitutional climate change case against the federal government.

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